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# **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

This information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Applicants wish to disclose the following information:

### **REFERENCES**

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	Al	697,762	September 30, 10953				March 17, 1952
	AJ	781,516	January 31, 1905	G. N. Guthrie, Jr.			February 3, 1904
	AK	812,706	February 13, 1906	J. Warbasse			August 3, 1904
	AL	844,097	February 12, 1907	Y. W. Caldwell			August 7, 2906
	АМ	1,048,491	December 31, 1912	T. H. Butcher			February 16, 1912
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	AO	1,192,186	July 25, 1916	S. W. Greene			September 20, 1910
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	AK	2,939,458	June 7, 1960	R. W. Lundquist			April 29, 1957
	AL	3,013,556	December 19, 1961	E. A. Galleher, Jr.			April 7, 1959
	АМ	3,182,659	May 11, 1965	L. L. Blout			January 15, 1962
	AM	3,189,027	June 15, 1965	R. G. Bartlett, Jr.			November 29, 1962
	AO	3,193,624	July 6, 1965	H. L. Webb, et al.			January 19, 1961
	AP	3,238,943	March 8, 1966	E. B. Holley			June 19, 1963
	AQ	3,315,674	April 25, 1967	A. Bloom, et al.			December 28, 1964
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. •	AF	3,982,532	September 28, 1976	Halldin, et al.	128	146	December 17, 1974
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